tion) Act, 1967 since 27.11.90. Certain areas of Nagaland have been declared as "disturbed areas" under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 to enable the Armed Forces to deal with the activities of insurgents. Central paramilitary forces have been deployed in the State to assist the State authorities. Steps have been taken to strengthen intelligence gathering.

(c) According to information received from the State Government, 55 persons were killed during this period.

**Refud of ticket money to Passengers**

*211. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways refund ticket money to passengers, when the trains are delayed beyond the time of the journey period, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that the delay in scheduled timings occurs due to maintenance faults; and

(c) if so, what measures Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir. Since the passengers have availed of the service by performing the journey for which a ticket was issued, there is no reason for grant of refund of fares due to late running of trains.

(b) The delay in scheduled timings occurs not only due to maintenance faults, but also on account of reasons beyond railways control.

(c) In so far as maintenance of equipments are concerned utmost stress is laid on preventive maintenance for which detailed schedules have been laid down. Their implementation is being constantly monitored. Also proper procedures have been drawn up to deal with situations when faults arise so as to reduce delays in scheduled timings.

**Implementation of environmental laws to bring down pollution**

*212. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Global Environment Facilty of the World Bank, United Nations Development Programme and United Nation's Environment Programme have commended India's environmental alws;

(b) if so, whether despite effective environmental laws in the country, the pollution rate in the major cities is increasing; and

(c) if so, the steps contemplated by Government to implement the environmental laws so as to bring down pollution in major cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Government is not aware of any such specific reference.

(b) and (c) The pollution rate in the major cities is increasing due to rapid urbanisation and industrialisation.

A policy statement on the abatement of pollution has been brought out by the Government on February 26, 1992. Steps have been initiated to implement this policy.

**ललितपुर-खजुराहो-सतना और रीवा-सिंगरौली रेल लाइन के निर्माण की अनुमति**

*213. श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार क्षेत्रीय तथा पर्यटन विकास की दृष्टि से ललितपुर